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[Reports to the Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service.]

Vessels from Cuban, Mexican, and Central American ports inspected at Reedy Island Quarantine.

REEDY ISLAND QUARANTINE,
via Port Penn, Del., December 16, 1900.

SIR: Through the medical officer in command of national quarantine service on Delaware Bay and River, I have the honor to report that the following vessels from Cuban, Mexican, and Central American ports were inspected at this station during the week ended December 15, 1900: December 12, 1900, steamship *Tyr*, from Martinique via Santiago de Cuba, with iron ore; no passengers; bill of health signed by Assistant Surgeon Von Ezdorf. December 14, 1900, schooner *Jennie G. Pillsbury*, from Baracoa, with fruit; no passengers; bill of health signed by Dr. Lores Llorens, quarantine officer.

Respectfully,

T. F. RICHARDSON,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Vessels inspected at Juneau, Alaska, for the week ended December 1, 1900.

JUNEAU, ALASKA, *December 1, 1900.*

SIR: For the week ended December 1, I have inspected and passed steamship *Farallon* and steamer *Ruth*, bound from Skaguay to Port Townsend.

Respectfully,

SAML. C. LEONHARDT,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Reports from the Mexican border.

El Paso, Tex., December 12—Concerning rumor of yellow fever near the Mexican border.—In compliance with instructions from your office, December 5, 1900, I have made the necessary investigation, and have the honor and satisfaction to state that the report is false in every particular as far as the northern border of Texas is concerned.

Almost every officer, conductor, and other employee of the Mexican Central Railroad running into El Paso is American and nine-tenths of them have their families here, and I am pleased to state that these men always inform me if any passenger is on their train with suspicious symptoms of any kind, or if any passenger stops on their division with any kind of contagious disease.

I inspect passengers carefully arriving on the Mexican Central Railroad, and such as arrive from ports reported to be infected, I detain for observation to enable me to ascertain their temperature, and in every such case I disinfect their baggage, etc.

Of late we have had several frosts and I have no apprehension in allowing passengers to pass who show a normal temperature within twenty-four and thirty-six hours.

Early in the season I caused it to be known over the whole Mexican Central Railroad system that a strict quarantine would be enforced at this point, and to this I attribute the fact that there has been so little trouble here.

Most all passengers arriving here from Tampico and south of the City of Mexico are supplied with certificates from the United States consul, or practicing physicians in Mexico well known to me, saying that they have been absent from the infected points from five to ten days.

E. ALEXANDER,
Acting Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.